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## SOVIET EXPELS TWO AMERICANS

Diplomat, Student Accused  
Of Working For CIA

Moscow, Sept. 30 (AP)—Two more Americans, one a diplomat, were accused by Russia today of working for the Central Intelligence Agency and engaging in "hostile activities." The charges were promptly denied by United States officials.

The Soviet labor newspaper *Trud* said Nicholas H. Riegg, 26, of Concord, Cal., a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and one of the accused, was expelled this month. Riegg told the United States Embassy in Bucharest, Romania, that he was "entrapped," given rough treatment, then expelled.

### Subverting African Students

In Washington, the State Department denied Riegg worked for the CIA.

The second American, Donald R. Lesh, 34, of Sun City, Ariz., a United States Embassy secretary, was expelled September 14, but no specific charges were made against him until today.

The United States Embassy here denied the charges against Lesh, who was accused of being a contact man for Riegg and subverting African students in Moscow. The embassy termed the charge against Lesh "completely unfounded."

The Soviet newspaper said Riegg had tried to come to Russia as a student twice, once to Leningrad and once to Minsk. Failing this, he visited the country as a tourist in 1964 and 1966, the newspaper said. It said he had been trained for his work by CIA agents in Stockholm and had brought in anti-Soviet literature.

### To Study Language

In Concord, Cal., Riegg's brother, Robert D. Riegg, said he was certain that Nicholas never would be involved in such activities. He said Nicholas wanted a career in international relations, which he studied at the University of Pennsylvania. He was graduated in 1963.

"I know he wanted to remain free of any entanglements that could mean trouble for his future career," Robert said.

He added that his brother had gone to Russia hoping to master the Russian language. Robert said Nicholas reported in a letter mailed two weeks ago from outside Russia that he was proceeding to Paris and planned to return from there to California.

### Economic Crime

According to the embassy here, Riegg turned up at the United States Embassy in Bucharest on September 12 and reported what had happened to him, saying that four days earlier he was "entrapped" by Soviet plain-clothesmen in Kharkov, in the Ukraine, about 400 miles south of Moscow, and charged with the economic crime of trying to sell some of his clothes.

He was held incommunicado overnight, was denied permission to get in touch with his embassy and threatened with prison. After signing a statement, he was taken before a "peoples judge"—meaning a layman—and expelled.

### U.S. Embassy Quiet On Dawson Case

Moscow, Sept. 30 (AP)—The United States Embassy today drew a curtain of secrecy around the case of an American Peace Corps volunteer being held by Soviet authorities. This suggested that developments might be in the offing.

The acting deputy chief of mission at the embassy, Davis E. Boster, made a third American appeal to the Soviet Foreign Ministry for the release of Thomas R. Dawson, arrested September 11 while strolling on the Soviet-Iranian border.

On the two previous requests, Georgy M. Kornienko, director of the Foreign Ministry's American section simply said he would inform his superiors, the embassy had reported earlier.

This time the embassy declined to say what Kornienko's reaction was to the appeal made yesterday.

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